Looking to the present additions per month, it is expected that the target of 250 million would be achieved before the year end.

(e) and (f) New Telecom Policy (NTP) 99 adopts a technology neutral policy.

Ranchi and other cities under JNNURM

†*257. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of such parts of Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand, and other cities of the State which have been included for improvement under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission;

(b) the details of the amount allocated for Jharkhand under this scheme and by when it is likely to be implemented;

(c) whether there is any difficulty in implementing this scheme in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Three cities namely Ranchi, Dhanbad and Jamshedpur are covered under Urban Infrastructure and Governance (UIG) component of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM).

(b) to (d) The Planning Commission has made indicative allocation of a sum of Rs. 641.20 crore and Rs. 70.53 crore for the sub-Mission on UIG and a sum of Rs. 114.52 crore and Rs. 12.60 crore for UIDSSMT for the entire Mission period (2005–12) and for 2007-08 respectively in respect of State of Jharkhand.

However, funds have not been released to any of cities in Jharkhand so far, as Jharkhand has not yet signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Central Government for implementation of mandatory/optional reforms as required under the guidelines of JNNURM for accessing funds. No Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been received from Jharkhand State so far.

Corruption in Panchayati Raj

*258. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that panchayati raj in most of the States is a ground, for breeding corruption; and

(b) by when panchayati raj would be really successful in people's projects in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) While there are reports of corruption in Panchayati Raj, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj does not share the view that Panchayati Raj Institutions, generally speaking, are breeding grounds for corruption. With respect to individual cases of

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corruption, in terms of the Constitutional order, as set out in Article 243G, it is the State Legislatures and State executive who have been charged with endowing "the Panchayats with such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as institutions of self-government". Accordingly, it is primarily the responsibility of State Governments to monitor the implementation of works and the delivery of services by the Panchayati Raj Institutions. In so far as the schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development are concerned, District Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have been established under the chairpersonship of Members of Parliament.

(b) Panchayati Raj will be truly successful only when Panchayati Raj Institutions are effectively endowed with functions, finances and functionaries as set out in the National Common Minimum Programme. The Union Government is working along with States to achieve this goal.

Coastal Zone Management Authority in Goa

*259. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority has started ground level survey as well as house verification of dwelling units and all other constructions in the Coastal Regulation Zone-III area, in order to identify the structures that were constructed after February 19, 1991;

(b) whether the survey has been completed;

(c) whether the authority has submitted its report;

(d) whether any action has been taken in that regard; and

(e) if so, the details, thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir. In compliance to the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay at Panjim-Goa in Writ Petitions No.422 of 1998 and No.99 of 1999, the Goa Coastal Zone Management Authority (GCZMA) has initiated house to house field validation to ascertain the violations in the Coastal Regulation Zone II and III areas of Goa.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Increasing pollution in various rivers

†*260. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pollution has been increasing in various rivers including the Ganga despite spending crores of rupees;

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